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SUBJ: CYPRUS: AKEL'S PAPAIOANNAOU CONFERS WITH CARAMANLIS

1. SUMMARY: PM CARAMANLIS GRANTED AUDIENCE TO AKEL'S SEC GEN PAPAIOANNOU AUGUST 29 DURING LETTER'S VISIT TO ATHENS. PAPAIOANNOU LATER HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE ACCUSED U.S. OF INSTIGATING JULY 15 COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS GAVE MODEST COVERAGE TO ATHENS VISIT OF AKEL SECRETARY GENERAL E. PAPAIOANNOU WHO MET WITH PM CARAMANLIS REPORTEDLY TO REVIEW CYPRUS SITUATION AND EXTEND THANKS FOR GOG MATERIAL ASSISTANCE "TO VICTIMS OF TURKISH INVASION."

3. IN PRESS CONFERENCE LATER IN DAY PAPAIOANNOU REPEATED NOW FAMILIAR LEFTIST LITANY OF U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTIGATING GREEK JUNTA TO EXECUTE COUP OF JULY 15 AND FOR ENCOURAGING TURKS TO INVADE CYPRUS FIVE DAYS LATER. PAPAIOANNOU CLAIMED U.S. SEEKS BRIDGEHEAD IN E. MEDITERRANEAN AND PREDICATED IF TURKIS ARE PERMITTED TO RETAIN OCCUPIED TERRITORY WAR WOULD SPREAD TO MIDDLE EAST AND EVENTUALLY THREATEN ENTIRE WORLD. PAPAIOANNOU COMMENTED PAIN OF CYPRIOTS IS LESSENER BY SATISFACTION THAT THEIR SACRIFICES LED TO OVERTHROW OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. HE SAID CYPRIOT PEOPLE WILL STRIVE FOR RETURN OF
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PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND HE IS CERTAIN GOG WILL CONTRIBUTE TO

THIS END. PAPAIOANNOU CONCLUDED THAT AKEL WARNED MAKARIOS SINCE 1967 OF ATHENS JUNTA PLANS AGAINST HIM. "AKEL DEMANDS DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CYPRUS AND BRITISH TOO SINCE THEY COULD HAVE AVERTED TURKISH INVASION BUT DID NOT."

4. COMMENT: CARAMANLIS' MEETING WITH PAPAIOANNOU IS NOT OUT OF LINE WITH HIS NATIONAL UNITY APPROACH OF ENGAGING IN DIALOGUE WITH ALL POLITICAL FORCES. PAPAIOANNOU DID NOT DISCLOSE SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION WITH PM WHICH CAN BE ASSUMED TO HAVE DEALT PRIMARILY WITH CYPRUS AND NOT LEFTIST INCANTATIONS AGAINST NATO, U.S., AND U.K.
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